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For : CONNECTING ELEMENT, METHOD FOR BUS  
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A CONTROL UNIT  
FOR ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE  
MEANS AS MASTER AND AT LEAST ONE  
CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR WEIGHT  
MEASUREMENT IN A SEAT AS SLAVE, AND BUS  
SYSTEM  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

This paper addresses the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2008. Initially,  
please amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are found in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.